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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TREASURER, AUDITORS, SELECTMEN,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HENNIKER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1873.

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REPORT.

William E. Cogswell in account with the town of Henniker, as
Treasurer for A. D. 1872.

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To cash and notes remaining in the hands of the treasurer for 1871,	\$5,578.72
Received of R. D. Rice, from sales of Amos Ray's per- sonal property,	7.00
Received of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	1,773.56
Railroad tax,	288.44
Literary fund,	102.55
Reimbursement bonds,	10,016.67
Interest on same,	387.00
Interest on town notes,	50.84
Merrimack Co., for support of paupers,	60.52
J. Foster, amount of taxes,	8,075.64
interest on taxes,	19.64
Received balance of funds arising from assessments on dogs, and divided equally among the school dis- tricts,	110.00
	\$26,470.58

William E. Cogswell, as Treasurer aforesaid,

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Paid I. P. Chase, for attendance and medicine fur- nished J. H. Woods in 1871,	\$49.75
Eldad Marsh, for support of water-trough 1871,	1.00
G. E. Barnes, " " 1871-72,	6.00
W. C. Cogswell, " " " 6.00	
F. Martin, " " " 6.00	
W. P. Cressey, " " 1872,	3.00
A. Caldwell, " " " 3.00	
A. P. Wiggin, " " 1871-72,	6.00

B. F. Kimball, for work on highway and breaking roads in 1871-72,	9.28
H. Morrill, for breaking roads in 1871-72,	2.54
Worcester Felch, " "	2.07
Jas. M. Colby, " "	.67
Samuel Patten, " "	3.77
J. A. Newton, " "	4.30
Harrison Carter, " "	1.27
Joseph Marsh, " "	7.24
John Chase, " "	3.24
G. W. Chase, " "	11.46
John Emery, " "	6.88
J. H. Dowling, " "	5.68
Asa Whitcomb, " "	3.92
E. G. Clark, " "	4.94
Ezra Chase, " "	5.37
Harvey Chase, " "	11.15
G. W. Paige, " "	11.72
E. B. Huntington, " "	2.74
W. D. Harwood, " "	5.97
Albin J. Towle, for timber furnished in 1871,	5.00
H. W. Campbell, non-resident highway tax receipts,	8.58
Republican Press Association, for reports,	36.00
J. L. Dodge, for wood and glass furnished, and taking care of town-house for two years,	11.20
A. W. Connor, for labor on highway,	50.00
Ichabod F. Connor, " "	22.10
Harrison Morrill, " " near A. Caldwell's,	24.50
Seth A. Morse, " "	18.20
F. E. Colby, for labor, and cash advanced for labor on highway near George McAlpine's,	53.79
F. E. Colby, for labor, and cash advanced for labor on highway in Dist. No. 17,	7.25
T. F. Huntington, for repair of highway,	7.50
J. F. Perry, for building over bridge,	6.00
H. Morrill, for repairing Gulf road bridge,	6.50
" " labor, and cash advanced for labor, repairing stone bridge,	224.74
L. W. Peabody, for certificates of births and deaths,	3.00
James B. Brown, for over-taxation in 1871,	3.90
Heirs of Thomas Cheney, " "	4.48
Joseph Barnard, " 1872,	.80
Thomas Brownrigg, for filling up dry bridge near J. Colby's,	180.00

Paid George H. Farmer, for board of Levi Connor,	16.00
Heman R. Patterson, " "	73.50
Gibson, Straw & Co., for clothes furnished L. Connor,	5.93
Wilkins & Locke, " " A. Ray,	3.76
Daniel Putney, for board of A. Ray, from Feb. 25 to Dec., 1872,	190.00
Daniel Putney, for tobacco, A. Ray,	5.25
Jennie Wood, interest on note,	36.00
Horace B. Smith, note and interest,	1,454.43
Leonard Wood, " "	663.60
Cyrus Goss, " "	124.40
G. W. Chase, " "	430.53
Martha B. Smith, " "	99.43
Minot & Co., County tax,	1,830.96
E. Hemphill, for clothes furnished F. Livingston,	4.50
" support of "	12.00
F. E. Colby, expense of running town lines,	24.00
R. S. Rogers, for detention in supposed case of small pox,	5.00
L. W. Peabody, for sundry visits in said case,	3.00
" medical services to paupers,	7.50
State Treasurer, State tax,	1,569.00
T. Livingston, for boarding Frank Livingston in 1870,	9.00
T. Livingston, for labor on highway, snowing bridge, and support of water-trough in 1871,	9.34
A. D. L. F. Connor, for cutting bushes on highway,	6.00
Interest on bonds,	942.00
Mrs. Lavinia Smith, for board of William Smith, Levi Connor, and Amos Ray (town paupers), to March 1, 1873,	156.00
A. M. Patten, for time, expense, and cash advanced in suit of F. C. Gould v. Henniker,	59.28
Sanborn & Clark, for legal services, and Briggs & Harnden on execution in said suit,	512.88
Harrison Morrill, for labor, and cash advanced for labor on highway,	8.25
Joshua Sanborn, building committee in Dist. No. 6,	155.62
John Chase, " " " 12,	252.67
L. W. Peabody, for medical attendance on Mrs. George,	8.75
L. W. Peabody, for medical attendance on B. Bell,	4.00
James Wilkins, for assistance rendered strangers,	24.60
John S. Craig, " " "	5.00

Paid H. Morrill, for assistance rendered strangers,	2.00
“ for goods furnished B. Bell,	12.42
John Chase, Pru. Com. for S. Dist. No. 12, in 1871,	55.95
Van R. Paige, “ “ 1,	100.00
Seth A. Morse, “ “ 2,	108.76
Jas. H. Dowling, “ “ 3,	124.07
Dexter Wood, “ “ 4,	139.38
Thos. W. Sargent, “ “ 5,	212.86
Joshua Sanborn, “ “ 6,	173.06
Daniel J. Calef, “ “ 7,	173.06
John Guttererson, “ “ 8,	182.26
Daniel M. Buxton, “ “ 10,	154.70
G. A. Towle, “ “ 11,	55.60
James Wilkins, “ “ 11,	249.13
W. H. Gilmore, “ “ 12,	108.76
Geo. H. Dodge, “ “ 13,	114.88
Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,	15.50
John Danforth, “ “	6.12
John M. Paige, “ “	6.12
John F. Perry, for rent of house for Betsey Bell,	3.75
L. W. Cogswell, bond and interest,	502.50
Louisa B. Howe, “	1,608.00
Mehitable B. Brown, “	104.50
Daniel Cogswell, “	507.50
Nathan Sawyer, balance of school-house tax in No. 11,	47.98
Geo. A. Danforth, for over-taxation,	7.01
O. C. Fisher, “ in 1872,	20.25
W. E. Cogswell, (trustee for Nathan B. Swett,) note and interest,	43.81
J. Foster, for abatement of poll taxes, as follows :	
Andrew Doorley, Edward Flanders, John Gil- christ, John W. Fisher, Wm. C. Gove, Frank M. Garland, Richard Peaslee, Chas. A. Pres- cott,	10.80
M. B. Brown, note and interest,	31.06
W. E. Cogswell, for services as town clerk,	25.00
“ “ treasurer,	20.00
“ for recording births, deaths, and marriages,	12.00
W. E. Cogswell, for stationery, postage, and express,	1.60
J. Foster, discount on taxes,	61.50
J. Foster, non-resident highway tax receipts,	20.00
J. Foster, services as collector,	75.00

Paid L. W. Peabody, services as S. S. Committee,	50.00
Harrison Morrill, services as selectman,	58.00
Freeman E. Colby, " "	51.25
James Wilkins, " "	56.00
J. S. Craig, expense of town officers,	30.86
W. O. Flanders, for over-taxation in school district No. 12,	3.75
Geo. A. Eastman, for over-taxation in school district No. 12,	1.40
Gibson, Straw & Co., for sheeting furnished Amos Ray,	1.40
Henry A. Fellows, for abatement of the taxes for 1870 of Betsey Patch, \$3.20; Daniel Gallagher, 2.40; J. R. Felch, 2.40; Nelson Hurd, 8.63; C. S. Davis, 1.58,	18.21
Harrison Morrill, for cash advanced for legal services,	12.00
Harrison Morrill, for cash paid for stationery,	3.55
Harrison Morrill, for time and expense on pauper cases,	40.75
Freeman E. Colby, for time and expense on pauper cases,	5.25
Freeman E. Colby, for time and expense to Concord to settle State tax, recording inventory, and drawing plank,	10.00
Alfred D. Folsom, for over-taxation in 1870,	4.80
J. Foster, services as Auditor,	2.00
S. M. Patten, " "	2.00
By cash, notes, and bonds remaining in hands of Treasurer,	11,451.79
	\$26,470.58

STATEMENT OF FUNDS arising from assessments on Dogs.

Amount remaining in my hands, March, 1872,	\$110.00
" of assessments for 1872,	99.00
	\$209.00

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Paid balance remaining in my hands, March, 1872, equally among the several school districts,	110.00
Less orders to be drawn by Isaac Rowell, for sheep killed by dogs,	16.00

Kendall Whitcomb, for same,	21.00
Charles A. Bean, “	5.00
S. H. Dow, “	5.00
	\$157.00
Balance in my hands,	\$52.00

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JEREMIAH FOSTER, } *Auditing*
 SQUIRE M. PATTEN, } *Committee.*

Henniker, N. H., Feb. 28, 1873.

FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Due on notes outstanding against town,	\$1,829.47
" bonds,	15,529.50
" School District No. 1,	119.00
" School-house tax in Dist. No. 6,	50.15
Estimated bills outstanding against the town, exclusive of breaking roads,	75.00
	\$17,603.12

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By cash, notes, and bonds remaining in hands of Treasurer,	\$11,451.79
Amount of debt,	\$6,151.33

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

At the commencement of the year, Rev. W. W. Smith was chosen Superintending School Committee. On account of poor health and other duties, he resigned. I was appointed, and assumed the responsibility May 20th, 1872. Mr. Smith had examined most of the teachers and visited several schools prior to my appointment. In order to a good understanding of their condition, at an early day I visited all of them. As a general thing, the districts have been fortunate in securing competent teachers. Improvements, in several instances, have been made in the school-houses. Three things combined *almost always* make pleasant schools—good school-houses, good teachers, and good *scholars*. Everybody understands that *tact* of a certain kind, or *skilful strategy*, is important for successful teaching. An indifferent scholar may be a fine disciplinarian, while one ranking high in *book knowledge* may utterly fail in that *adaptedness* essential in a *first-class* teacher. Often our schools are deficient in government. Shall we say this is wholly the fault of the teachers? May not our home discipline, in *very* many cases, for this be responsible?

In behalf of the teachers, allow me to tender thanks to the parents and friends, generally, who have the past year visited the schools, thereby showing so much interest in their welfare.

DISTRICT No. 1.

1st Term, 7 weeks—Miss Ella F. Whitecomb, teacher. One of our largest schools. Three times visited,—once by my pre-

decessor, twice by myself. Though somewhat backward, we found fine scholars here. Judging from their diligence in study, we have no doubt this school will, ere long, become one of the best.

2d Term, 7 weeks—Taught by Miss Whitcomb, who fully sustained the reputation she so justly won at the first.

3d Term—Now in session. Miss Lottie M. Newton, teacher, appeared well. Miss N. is well reported of in previous schools.

DISTRICT No. 2.

1st Term—Miss Laura Etta Huntington, teacher. The first attempt at teaching by Miss H. From her quiet manner and thoroughness in imparting instruction, I prophesy she will make one of our finest teachers. Length of school, 8 weeks. No. 2 is in urgent need of a new school-house.

2d Term, commenced by Miss H., presented at first visit an attractive look. Ill health, perhaps occasioned by over-exertion, I regret to say, obliged this teacher in six weeks to abandon her post. The remaining six weeks Mr. Dennis R. Chase finished. He has a good reputation, and doubtless entered into as well as carried out Miss Huntington's plans. Greatly to my disappointment, the roads being blockaded with snow, it was out of my power to make this school a final visit.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Carrie L. Morse, teacher of 1st term. Length of school, 8 weeks. Miss M. is one of our best instructors—commands the respect of her pupils.

Winter Term—Taught also by Miss M. I commend the idea of retaining a teacher so thoroughly desirable as this one proved to be.

DISTRICT No. 4.

1st Term, of 8 weeks, kept by Miss Nettie M. Peabody. One of our best schools—fine scholars here. Both teacher and pupils did themselves credit at the closing examination.

2d Term—Taught by Miss Elvira J. Buckman, who brought all her former experience and fine faculty of imparting knowl-

edge to bear upon her scholars. The results were of the happiest kind.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Term taught by Miss Linda M. Bohonan, an experienced teacher and good worker in the school-room. She labored under great disadvantage on account of most of the pupils being attacked with whooping-cough, thereby making their attendance very irregular. The school appeared well at both visits.

2d Term—Taught nine weeks by Mr. Walter T. Sargent. Mr. S. is a *fine* scholar. By reason of some dissatisfaction in the district he resigned his place, and Mr. Freeman E. Colby kept the remaining three weeks. Mr. C. is a good disciplinarian. I visited this school several times. At its close the scholars acquitted themselves well.

DISTRICT No. 6.

1st Term—Taught by Miss Sarah E. Connor—her first effort in this direction. Her pupils made commendable progress. I was highly gratified with her method of, and thoroughness in, imparting instruction. Miss C. will make one of our best teachers.

Winter Term—Miss A. Priscilla Elliot, teacher. An experienced as well as successful teacher. Order good. Recitations both prompt and thorough. Let me congratulate this district upon having made a beginning towards a better school-house.

DISTRICT No. 7.

1st Term—Taught by Miss Jennie E. Noyes. School at first visit appeared well. Owing to sickness on the part of the teacher, and her leaving before the regular time of closing, my second visit was not made. Was informed the school was a success.

Winter School—Mr. Fred G. Sanborn, teacher. Mr. S. was happily adapted for the situation; won the love and respect of all under his charge; kept excellent order. The scholars progressed in learning rapidly. Mr. S. left four weeks pre-

vious to the close of the term. Mrs. Jennie E. Dodge, the teacher of summer school, took his place, and is now keeping.

DISTRICT No. 8.

1st Term—Miss Fannie L. Burnham, teacher. Perhaps none who were engaged in teaching had larger experience than Miss B. Perfect order is her aim. This is a hard school, and harder school-house; hope the committee for 1873 can report a better building, which will be an ornament to that part of our village. Miss Burnham labored exceedingly hard, contending with discouragements calculated to cool the ardor of a younger teacher. Her efforts were successful. Taught 8 weeks.

2d and 3d Terms—Miss Linda M. Bohonan, teacher. Length of school 8 weeks each. Miss B. labored under the same disadvantages as teacher of first term. Some of the scholars made fair progress, but the order was not quite up to the standard.

DISTRICT No. 10.

1st Term—Taught by Miss Minerva Patten, one of our tip-top teachers, who had the good fortune to be engaged in one of our town's best schools.

2d Term—Taught also by Miss Patten, who sustained her previous reputation.

Winter Term—Now in session. Miss M. S. Danforth, teacher. She has had much experience, and seems perfectly at home in the school-room, where her energetic qualities do her great credit. The school is a model one.

DISTRICT No. 11.

1st Term—Miss Jennie S. Adams, teacher. She brought good recommendations, considerable experience, and was truly a hard working teacher. Unfortunately, her efforts in obtaining the *love*, so pleasing to witness on the part of scholars, was a failure; consequently her success was not so great as was desired. The standard of deportment was not as satisfactory as your committee wished.

Same School, Fall Term—Miss Adams, teacher. A difficult school, requiring much tact in the teacher to manage all right. A good deal of insubordination showed itself on the part of some of the pupils. Miss Nettie M. Peabody was assistant in this school this term.

Winter Term, 10 weeks—Miss Paulina Heath, teacher, assisted by Miss Nettie M. Peabody. I am happy to report Miss Heath's effort here a success. She gained the love of her pupils, who made very good progress in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 12.

1st Term—Miss Elvira J. Buckman, teacher. I congratulate this district upon having put their school-house in such good condition, also in being able to procure the services of a teacher so desirable as Miss B. In my judgment, if not the very best, she takes as high rank as any who the past year have been employed in town. Her pupils got a fine start, though the school kept only seven weeks. They improved the time, as was apparent at the final examination.

Winter Term—Miss Irena W. Hemphill, teacher. An experienced teacher. The scholars made fair progress. Order not quite up to the standard.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Summer School, 8 weeks—Miss Sonora A. Sawyer, teacher. At my first call, everything seemed promising. The school from some cause decreased, and at the last visit very few were present. These appeared well. Miss S. is a good teacher.

Winter Term—Miss Ella A. Milton, teacher. She kept good order; under her wise administration the scholars improved finely. Though small in numbers, we found here some quite advanced pupils.



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STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Number of Term.	Prudential Committees.	Teachers.	Length of school in weeks.		Whole number of scholars.		Average attendance.	No. children between 4 and 14 not attending school.		Wages of teachers per month.		No. of visits by citizens and others.
1	First.	Van R. Page.	Ella F. Whitecomb.	7	29	25	2	2	22	31			
	Second.		Ella F. Whitecomb.	7	28	25	2	2	24	13			
	Third.		Lottie M. Newton.	*									
2	First.	Seth A. Morse.	Laura E. Huntington.	8	10	8.	2	16	22				
	Second.		Laura E. Huntington, and Dennis R. Chase.	12	8	7.		32	2				
3	First.	James H. Dowlin.	Carrie L. Morse.	8	10	9.		19	12				
	Second.		Carrie L. Morse.	13	12	11.	3	24	19				
4	First.	Dexter Wood.	Nettie M. Peabody.	8	15	11.	2	20	14				
	Second.		Elvira J. Buckman.	12	24	18.	1	29	23				
5	First.	Thomas W. Sargent.	Linda M. Bohonan.	13	31	20		20	59				
	Second.		Walter T. Sargent, and Freeman E. Colby.	12	28	21	3	32	10				
6	First.	Joshua Sanborn.	Sarah E. Connor.	10	15	11		20	26				
	Second.		A. Priscilla Elliot.	12	19	17		30	22				
7	First.	Daniel J. Calef.	Jennie E. Noyes.	10	24	17.	3	20	8				
	Second.		Fred. G. Sanborn, and Mrs. Jennie E. Dodge.	8	19	17	8	37	7				
8	First.	John Gutterson.	Fannie L. Burnham.	12	27	21		24	35				
	Second.		Linda M. Bohonan.	8	23	16		24	24				
	Third.		Linda M. Bohonan.	8	22	16		24	11				
10	First.	Daniel M. Buxton.	Minerva Patten.	8	21	17.		20	11				
	Second.		Minerva Patten.	6	28	23.		20	16				
	Third.		M. S. Danforth.	13	26	24		34					
11	First.	Gardner S. Towle, and James Wilkins.	Jennie S. Adams.	10	49	41	2	30	31				
	Second.		Jennie S. Adams.	8	53	31	2	32	33				
	Third.		H. Paulina Heath.	10	54	43.	2	37	59				
12	First.	W. H. Gilmore.	Elvira J. Buckman.	7	14	12		22	15				
	Second.		Irene W. Hemphill.	9	14	11		22	4				
13	First.	George H. Dodge.	Sonora A. Sawyer.	8	8	6	2	16	10				
	Second.		Ella A. Milton.	11	13	10		24	29				

* School in session.

LEONARD W. PEABODY,

Superintending School Committee of Henniker.